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FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE ARGENTINE
PREMREP TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE FALKLAND ISLANDS
ISSUE

QUOTE

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

QUESTION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)

LETTER DATED 14 NOVEMBER 1975 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
OF ARGENTINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRET-
ARY-GENERAL

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REQUEST YOU TO ARRANGE FOR THE PUBLICATION
AND DISTRIBUTION AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE GENERAL
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RELATIONS AND WORSHIP OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC ON

22 OCTOBER 1975, THE TEXT OF WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:

"IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO SEND A MISSION TO THE ISLAS MALVINAS WITH THE OBJECT OF CARRYING OUT AN ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SURVEY OF THE ARCHIPELAGO AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND WORSHIP STATES.

1. IT REITERATES IN FULL THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON 19 MARCH 1975 (A/AC. 109/482).

2. CONTRARY TO A REPORT APPEARING IN A LONDON NEWSPAPER, THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS ON NO OCCASION GIVEN ITS CONSENT TO THE MISSION IN QUESTION.

3. SINCE THE QUESTION OF THE ISLAS MALVINAS IS SUBJECT TO THE PROCEDURE RECOMMENDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ITS RESOLUTION 2065 (XX) AND 3160 (XXVIII), THE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE MUST ABSTAIN FROM ANY NEW UNILATERAL ACTION AFFECTING THE BASIC ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION. ANY SUCH ACTION WILL UNDERMINE THE CLEAR OBJECTIVE OF THE RESOLUTIONS IN QUESTION AND WILL BE CONTRARY TO THE SPIRIT WHICH HAS PREVAILED IN ALL THE DEALINGS SO FAR BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES CONCERNING THE ARCHIPELAGO, AND ALSO IS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT.

4. THE ONE ON WHICH GREAT BRITAIN PROPOSES TO SEND WOULD NOT BE WELCOME BECAUSE INVESTIGATIONS TO ASSESS THE POSSIBILITY OF THE ECONOMIC EXPLORATION OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE ISLAS MALVINAS - RESOURCES WHICH THEREFORE BELONG TO THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC - WOULD VIOLATE THE PRINCIPLE OF NOT UNDERTAKING NEW ACTION. CONSEQUENTLY THE SENDING OF THIS MISSION CONSTITUTES AN INCONSIDERATE ACT WHICH THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD NOT WISH TO INTERPRET AS AN ATTITUDE OF PROVOCATION BECAUSE THIS WOULD IMPLY THAT GREAT BRITAIN DOES NOT ACCEPT THE NORMAL CONTINUATION OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, A FACT WHICH COULD HAVE UNFORSEEABLE AND CERTAINLY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR WHICH GREAT BRITAIN ALONE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE.

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5. THE ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN THE PROCESS OF REACHING A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE IS NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND HENCE THE INITIATION OF ACTS WHICH MAY PREJUDICE THIS PROCESS WILL IMPEDE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE MALVINAS QUESTION.

6. ONCE MORE, ARGENTINE URGES GREAT BRITAIN TO TAKE THE VIEW THAT NEGOTIATIONS TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE CONCERNING SOVEREIGNTY

OVER THE ARCHIPELAGO IS THE BEST PROCEDURE AND IS IN CONFORMITY
WITH THE DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE RECONGNIZED
STANDARDS OF THE CIVILIZED WORLD.

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